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Enclosed please find the amendment and response to the office action mailed on January 26, 2005 for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,
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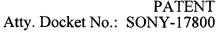
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AMENDMENTS

In response to the Office Action of January 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.